

Application Serial No.: 10/577,692

Applicant: Thomas W. Melcher

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REMARKS

Drawings

Replacement drawings as approved by the Examiner are attached with this response. Specifically, Applicant attaches replacement FIG. 2A, FIG. 3A, FIG. 3B, FIG. 4A, FIG. 4G, FIG. 4H, FIG. 7 and FIG. 8. No new matter has been added and Applicant respectfully requests that the new drawings be made part of the prosecution history and publication.

35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejection

The Office Action rejects claims 46-48 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In a telephone conversation with Examiner Eric Culbreth on December 6, 2010, the Examiner indicated that removal of the word "effective" from claims 46-48 would allow the claims to overcome the 112 rejection, and place the claims in condition for allowance. Applicant has amended the claims accordingly and believes the claims are now in condition for allowance.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant acknowledges the allowance of claims 26-31 and 33-45.

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Conclusion

Applicant believes that all information and requirements for the application have been provided to the USPTO. If there are matters that can be discussed by telephone to further the prosecution of the Application, Applicant invites the Examiner to call the undersigned attorney at the Examiner's convenience.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees due with this filing to USPTO Account No. **50-4747**.

Respectfully submitted,

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